

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Jean OLLIVIER

Serial No.: 09/400,994

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For: **PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF LACTAMS FROM THE  
CORRESPONDING CYCLOALKANONE OXIMES**



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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplementary to the Amendment filed August 10, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

**Please add the following new claims.**

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--20. In a process for the preparation of lactams comprising 6 to 12 carbon atoms from the corresponding cycloalkanone oximes by rearrangement according to the Beckman reaction in the presence of acid, the improvement wherein said acid consisting essentially of methanesulphonic acid.

21. A process according to claim 1, free of sulfuric acid. --

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